



U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Hood
Deputy to the Garrison Commander

BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Donald (Andy) Bird

Andy Bird was assigned as the Deputy to the Garrison Commander in March 2007. Prior to this he worked for Stanley Associates Inc, from 2005-2007 as a business development manager for the Killeen/Ft Hood and Central TX area. He retired from the United States Army in 2005 as an Infantry Colonel with over 26 years of service.

Andy was the Chief of Staff for III Corps and Ft Hood from 2004 until his retirement in 2005. He synchronized and managed the Corps' resources to prepare combat, combat support and combat service support formations with trained and ready forces in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Prior to the Chief's job he was the III Corps G3, in 2003 and the Chief of Plans and Exercises in 2002.

He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom mid 2003, working for Ambassador Paul L. Bremer as his Director of Requirements and Operations in Baghdad. There he provided operational support between Joint, National and US/Coalition military and civilians and ensured security of 25 Separate Cabinet level offices (Governing Council) and 27 Iraqi Ministries. He was directly responsible for implementing the deployment of the USMC Fleet Anti-Terrorism Strike Team and other security measures within the Green Zone and areas around Baghdad.

Andy was commissioned as an Infantry 2d lieutenant after graduating from The Citadel in 1979. He has served in a variety of command and staff assignments both in the United States, and overseas, Germany, Korea, Kuwait and Iraq. He has commanded combat Infantry units from platoon to battalion level and has served on staffs from Battalion to Corps level along with a national level joint staff assignment with the Defense Intelligence Agency in 1994.

He holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration from The Citadel as well as two Masters Degrees—one in Business Management, from Webster University and the other in Strategic Studies and Policy from the Marine Corps University. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College and the US Marine Corps War College.

Andy is married to the former Joby Vanya from Waco TX and they have one son Aaron. Aaron will graduate from Vanguard College Prep High School and attend Texas Christian University (TCU) in the fall of 2007. They reside in Waco TX but plan on moving to Harker Heights in the summer of 2007.

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